Moore may change plea to insanity

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BALTIMORE (AP)—Edwin G. Moore II was "very frightened" that the Central Intelligence Agency had bugged the office of a suburban Washington psychiatrist who was helping prepare the defense in his espionage trial, the psychiatrist testified Monday.

Dr. Brian Crowley, of the Potomac Foundation for Mental Health in Bethesda, Md., said Moore insisted that his office be swept for electronic evesdropping devices.

The testimony did not explain if the office was inspected for electronic bugs and, if so, if any were found.

Crowley, the first defense witness in Moore's trial in U.S. District Court here, described the defendant as paranoid and insane at the time he allegedly tried to sell classified CIA documents to the Soviet Union last Dec. 21.

Moore, a retired CIA employe, has pleaded innocent to the charges with his attorney indicating he might change the plea to innocent by reason of insanity. Crowley, who has delivered expert testimony in many trials, described the case as a "classic insanity defense."

The psychiatrist also testified that his inspection of CIA memos and evaluations of Moore found evidence that the agency suspected as long ago as 1971 that the defendant had mental problems.